



POLITICAL LOTTERY: A young Vietnamese girl sits behind table in Saigon with lottery tickets for sale. During past two weeks, tickets, which normally carry idyllic tableaux or heroic war scenes, have been carrying the picture of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu. The nation's presidential election will be held Oct. 3. (AP Wirephoto)

House Votes On Money Today SST Issue Rises From The Dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leadership-backed attempt to resurrect the supersonic transport plane headed for a House vote today and no one was predicting the outcome. Backers and foes of the 1,800-mile-an-hour plane agreed there was a chance the House would approve enough money to continue

development of the SST through June 30. "My guess is that we're going to have one helluva job," said Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-Mass., an SST backer. The vote was on an amendment to turn an \$85.3-million SST contract - termination allocation in a \$6.8-

billion supplemental appropriation bill into continuation of the 1,800-mile-an-hour SST development. Speaker Carl Albert backed the drive. House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford helped draft the amendment, then worked behind the scenes to line up support for it. Backers had pinned their

hopes for House turnaround on the abrupt layoff of some 15,000 SST workers across the country following Congress' scrapping of the program. They also banked on France's announced determination to move to the top in aviation with the Anglo-French Concorde SST. And, proponents hoped to

pick up votes from a small number of congressmen who voted against the SST in March but now want approval of a \$250-million loan guarantee to help Lockheed Corp. defense work going in their districts. The House voted 215 to 204 in March to halt all federal funds for development of two

SST prototypes and the Senate voted 51 to 46 to halt the money. The new \$85.3 million would renew the program until June 30. Congress would then face another fight over SST for the fiscal year starting July 1. Republican Leader Ford (See back page, sec. 1, col. 2)

Milliken Calls For Changes

School Taxes Cited As Place To Begin

Gov. William G. Milliken sounded an alarm call for government reform before 250 Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce members and guests this morning, noting education is the prime place to start.

The state's chief executive spoke at the Ramada Inn at a chamber breakfast and pounded at a theme that overhaul of government is long overdue and Michigan people can exchange a feeling of hopelessness for one of action.

Milliken denied that his idea of educational reform is wresting away local controls. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Control of the schools must remain in the communities they serve. But my goal is to free boards and administrators from constant millage battles so they can concentrate on aspects of education which count most — curriculum, teacher selection and administration."

The governor wants to eliminate the property tax from financing of education and put the burden on income tax. He proposed a 2.3 income tax hike last month. This is intended to end constant appeals to local taxpayers for more property taxes.

NOT MONEY ALONE

Milliken said his reform program does not cover money alone "but total reform — reform of teacher training and certification, in the way money is raised, in the way it is spent, in curriculum in testing, in strengthening of local controls, in every aspect of education."

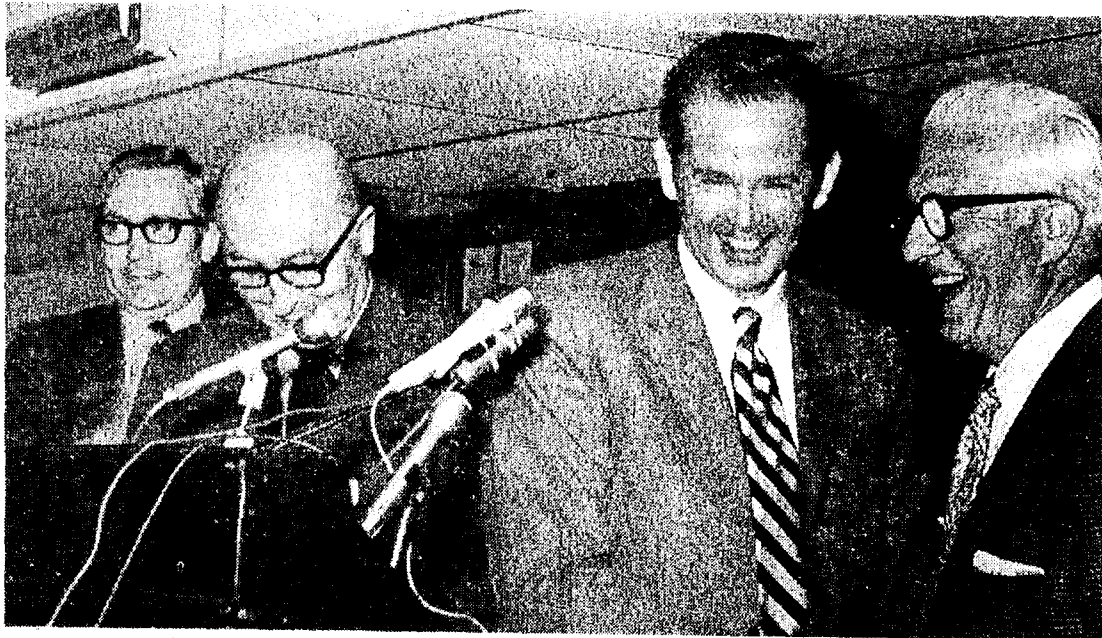
He emphasized that "reform" does not mean that a system is entirely bad. "Much needs to be discarded, but much cries out to be saved."

Milliken, describing 1970 as a "very, very bad year," said the state had to cut spending \$150 million and he commended legislators for doing it — "not without a price and not without a toll — but I am convinced we cannot allow this state, no matter how serious the problems, to get into a fiscal bind."

As long as I am governor and as long as we have this kind of a legislature that will not happen," he said.

The governor said he has (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

The Casual Breed now appearing Tues.-Sat. This week at Blossom Lanes.



REUNION: Former State Sen. Harry Litowich (right) greets an old friend, Gov. William Milliken, at Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast today. Litowich of Benton Harbor who served

in the Senate with Milliken arranged for governor's appearance. Others in picture from left: Roger Curry, executive vice president of Chamber, and Walter Laetz, chamber president. (Staff photo)

Snowmobile Research

Driving About Blind Blamed For Trouble

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Most injuries among snowmobile riders are a result of a driver's inability to see where he is going or to know how to get there, the Medical Society of Wisconsin was told Monday.

Researchers from the Marshfield Clinic told the society's annual convention that a survey of 96 snowmobile accident victims indicated a little common sense would have reduced mishaps.

MOST AT DARK

More than 60 of the 86 accidents occurred during darkness, the report said.

Thirty-seven victims were not even 21 years old, and 84 per

cent of them had less than one season's experience with the super-powered sleds.

Only 49 victims wore snowmobile suits, 27 wore goggles and 23 more helmets. Twenty-seven of them wore no special equipment of any kind.

Twenty-four of the victims had to be hospitalized for periods averaging 11.6 days each.

The reports recommended legislation which would establish a minimum age for operating the machines, supervision of young drivers, better trails, better headlights, better wind and knee shields, a reduction of protruding objects, and development of safety programs.

The report was based on accident victims treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Marshfield between Thanksgiving and March 30.

Among the cases cited was that of a 12-year-old boy who suffered a fractured pelvis when his snowmobile crashed while traveling 60 miles an hour during his first run on one of the machines.

The report said 54 per cent of accidents involved collisions, hitting bumps or leaping off embankments.

Other accidents involved falling from the machines, hitting fences and dragging feet beside the equipment.

School Reorganization Bill Meets Opposition

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A bill requiring annexation and reorganization of more than 100 Michigan school districts that provide only partial education programs is moving toward a vote in the State Senate.

The measure, part of Gov. William Milliken's education reform plan, would require those

districts which do not provide kindergarten through 12th grade programs to be annexed to K-12 districts no later than July 1, 1973.

The Senate debated the bill Monday night, but took no final action. A vote would come later this week.

The House, meanwhile, disregarded a freshman lawmaker's money-saving proposal and voted a \$625 salary supplement to the widow of Rep. William B. Fitzgerald, D-Detroit.

Rep. Richard Friske, R-Charlevoix, suggested lawmakers take up a collection to gather the sum which represents salary that would have gone to Fitzgerald had he lived through the end of his term. He died Dec. 7, shortly after winning a fourth term. The bill, passed 7-0, goes to the Senate for further action.

BEST INTEREST

Senate Education Chairman Gilbert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor, sponsor of the reorganization bill, said consolidation of the "non-high school districts" would be in best interest of the school children.

Under the current system, Bursley noted, parents in those districts which provide only a grade program send their youngsters into another district for high school education.

"Those parents are disenfranchised," he declared. "They have no voice in the high school district where their children go to school."

But several senators voiced strong opposition to the proposal. Pointing to test results distributed by a colleague, Senate Appropriations

Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, said the children in smaller districts seemed to be "doing very well—better in some cases—than those from more sophisticated districts."

"Are we going to impose on the autonomy of local districts—force them to do something they don't want to do?" he argued.

Bursley challenged the test result figures provided by Sen. Gary Byker, R-Hudsonville, and said he believed incorrect information about the effect of the bill was being circulated.

The bill would not be redrawn on a population basis, he stressed. "Many think the K-12 districts with less than 2,000 youngsters are being affected, but they're not," he emphasized.

The bill calls for all local dis-

tricts to operate a full K-12 program no later than the school year beginning July 1, 1973 "to assure availability of such a program for every pupil in the district of his residence."

Bursley said there currently are 104 districts which have less than K-12 programs—including 13 which operate no education program at all.

REQUEST ELECTION

Those nonhigh school districts would be authorized to request an annexation election before April 1, 1972. Such an election, if approved by a special ad hoc, seven-member committee on reorganization, would be

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Jr. Bowlers - Call 927-3174 For Blossom Lanes summer leagues.

For Graduate Work

BH Girl Gets \$4,600 Grant

Renee Suezal Taylor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harzel Taylor, of Benton Harbor, has won a \$4,600 grant for graduate work at Columbia University School of Social Work.

The award is a National Institute of Mental Health Training grant (psychiatric). It provides full tuition of \$2,600 plus a \$2,000 stipend for the academic year of eight and a half months.

Miss Taylor was graduated May 1 from University of Michigan with a BA degree in psychology and a secondary teaching certificate. She was president of Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at Michigan and was honored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., of Gamma Delta chapter as the senior black girl exemplifying Finer Black Womanhood.

Miss Taylor is a 1967 graduate of Benton Harbor high school. She will start next fall at Columbia in New York.

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Griffin Asks Automatic Social Security Pay Hikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charging the Congress "has played politics" with senior citizens, U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin of Michigan said he has introduced a bill to provide for automatic increases in Social Security benefits corresponding with cost of living hikes.

The bill—called the Social Security Adjustments Act of 1971—also would increase the amount of income a Social Security recipient may earn from \$1,630 to \$2,400 a year, the Michigan Republican said in a

printed statement Monday.

Congress recently approved a 10 per cent increase in Social Security benefits retroactive to Jan. 1. Griffin said that while he supported the increase, "I seriously question the wisdom of depending upon the beneficence of Congress to maintain parity of the Social Security dollar."

"It is time to enact permanent legislation to ensure that Social Security benefits will keep pace with the rising cost of living," he added.

Griffin said his bill would direct the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to increase monthly Social Security benefits by three per cent or more whenever the cost of living rises three per cent or more on an annual basis.

He said the bill calls for absorbing part of the added cost of the increase by providing for automatic adjustment of the contribution and benefit base, based on increases in average taxable earnings.



A GIRL FOR TINY TIM: Herbert Khaury, perhaps better known as Tiny Tim, peers through window at New York's Doctor's Hospital Monday as nurse Eda Tooney holds up the newest vocalist in the falsetto-voiced singer's family — a baby girl as yet unnamed. Khaury's 19-year-old wife, Victoria May, and daughter — weight six-pounds, 10-ounces — were both reported doing well. (AP Wirephoto)

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Defining War Power

The federal Constitution appoints the President as commander in chief of the nation's armed forces and makes him the promulgator of treaties and agreements with other powers.

It gives to Congress the sole right to declare war and delivers to the Senate the authority to accept or reject treaties committed by the Chief Executive.

This Friday, Secretary of State Rogers is scheduled to testify before a hostile Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the compatibility or conflict of those two positions.

More specifically, he will try to persuade the Committee that Senate Bill 731 or similar measures seeking to define the Presidential war power will crimp negotiations in foreign affairs and leave the country open to emergency eruptions.

S.B. 731 specifies the President may order U.S. forces into action to repel invasion, repel an attack upon the high seas or a foreign stationed garrison, protect American lives and property abroad, or comply with a treaty approved by Congress.

Its key provision is a limitation of 30 days of hostilities unless Congress approves an extension. Had this provision been in effect seven years ago, Congress could have ended our Viet Nam engagement on September 9, 1964, 30 days after the Senate approved the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.

The framers of the Constitution saw no conflict between the President being the nation's No. 1 policeman and Congress deciding whether the U.S. should resolve a difference of opinion with another country by force or by other means.

The men who assembled at Philadelphia equated the relationship in the nature of another clause in the Constitution which established the State of the Union message. In effect, they sought to charge the President with the responsibility of digging out the facts and then explaining to Congress how the situation was shaping up. If Congress believed strong measures were in order, then it would so state its position in clear language.

John Adams was the only President to abide by this contemplation. In 1798 he divested himself of the Commander in Chief title and conferred it upon George Washington to meet the exigencies of an undeclared naval war with France.

Power Problems

For many reasons the nation has not recovered from the sudden realization a few years back that power supplies are short of peak demand. This summer, if climatic conditions add up to high levels of discomfort, power brownout and fuel shortages could once again erupt in American cities.

Some companies have dropped campaigns to induce consumers to use more power driven equipment. Officials of New York are working on a campaign to reduce power consumption this summer by 10 percent. Nor is a solution to the related power and fuel problems in sight.

Paradoxically, there is no shortage of the basic fuels used in power generation in the U.S. Known coal reserves will last 1,000 years at present rates of production. Natural gas wells could supply the nation's needs for nearly 14 years if no new wells were opened, with geologists estimating as much as 900 trillion cubic feet of gas still undiscovered.

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Since that early day the U.S. public has witnessed and approved Presidential action without first obtaining Congressional sanction.

The Mexican War started off by troops crossing into the Texas territory.

During the Civil War, Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus and after Fort Sumter was fired upon, he increased the size of the Army and Navy.

McKinley ordered the battleship Maine to lie ashore at the Havana harbor before the Spanish-American war was declared by Congress.

Woodrow Wilson had General Pershing chasing Pancho Villa across northern Mexico in 1915.

FDR had the American Navy on anti-submarine patrol during the Lend-Lease period preceding Pearl Harbor.

Truman moved the entire U.S. military complex into Korea in 1950 as a police action under UN sanction.

Eisenhower substituted the American presence on a modest scale in Viet Nam following France's expulsion in 1954.

Although those and other instances drew some criticism of the White House at the time, the opposition amounted to a pinprick at best.

The reason is that most of the American public felt those earlier Presidents were taking the right direction. Korea stirred considerable misgiving but Truman weathered that turbulence.

Had Viet Nam followed the optimistic timetable the Pentagon supplied to Kennedy and Johnson, quite likely S.B. 731 and its prototype in at least ten state legislatures might not have been drafted.

Just as a recession tends to reveal flaws in a private business which prosperity tends to obscure, the wayward progress in Viet Nam prompts a restive Congress to challenge a White House tradition which has been accepted unquestionably in the past.

S.B. 731 on its face hopes to reduce bare brained action but not permit an emergency to be debated in the manner of a PTA meeting discussing whether a cookie sale or a rummage sale would do best by the club's latest money raising project.

This may be all to the good but will it serve any future exercises in brinkmanship such as Kennedy and John Foster Dulles before him had to throw against Khrushchev?

Fuel oil shortages could be abated if refineries shifted some of their production from high grade products to residual fuel oils. If fuels are not in short supply, what is the problem?

Part of it is attributed to unanticipated growth in power requirements, and a resulting insufficiency in power generating capacity. Nuclear power plants have not come along nearly as far as had been expected, and lately have encountered further problems involving the environment.

Many other factors have entered the power imbalance, including wildcat strikes, transportation problems, depressed natural gas prices, international problems affecting oil imports and anti-pollution restrictions requiring sulfur free fuels.

There is a power shortage under peak conditions because all the components involved in power production are not fitting well together. Nuclear powered generators are still looked upon as the ultimate answer when they have overcome environmentalists' objections.

That day maybe years away. In the meantime, unless some of the other imbalances are cleared from the power lines, threats of partial or complete power shutdowns in sections of the nation remain real.

France is only four-fifths as large as Texas, but it supports one-fourth as many people as the entire United States, the National Geographic Society says.

Drinking cups and eating utensils made of ivory from the tusks of Arctic narwhals were used at the French court until 1789. The tusks, believed to be unicorn horns, were thought to protect the user from poison.

Busted



GLANCING BACKWARDS

CLARK EQUIPMENT TAKES TOP PRIZE

Along with as much color and beauty as any previous parade, the 38th renewal of the Blossomtime Grand Floral parade had all the elements of success in its favor.

The biggest crowd in the last three years — estimated around 200,000 to 250,000 — sat, stood and lounged along the 2 1/2-mile parade route in perfectly comfortable 75 degree temperature. The sun broke through scattering clouds during the final half of the two hour and 15 minute spectacular. A pleasant breeze aided particularly the several

thousand bandmen who kept the line of march alive with music, by helping cool them.

'NEW' NIXON ATTACKS JFK

There's a new Richard M. Nixon politicking about the land. It's a Nixon most people never saw, a Nixon who is relaxed and quick with the wisecrack.

Nixon moves on to Columbus, Ohio, to wind up his weeklong tour tonight. And although he will continue to whack away at Democrats, he may occasionally drop the deadly seriousness that has become almost a Nixon

trademark.

TO LIMIT USE OF AXIS SHIPS

Secretary Hull advised today against restrictions on the use of foreign ships that may be taken over by the government, but administration opponents renewed their demands that the pending ship requisition bill be altered to ban the outright transfer of seized Axis vessels to Britain.

Hull set forth his views in a letter made public by senate commerce committee which is nearing the end of its study of the house-approved ship requisition measure.

NEW MARSHAL

W. W. Hahn has been appointed night marshal for the village of New Buffalo, following a joint meeting of the village council and the businessmen. The duties of street commissioner will be connected with that of night marshal.

TRACK TEAM

Professor C. L. Milton of the St. Joseph high school faculty, who also coaches the track team, left this morning for Kalamazoo, accompanied by five St. Joseph trackmen. The athletes were Larry Krieger, Jack Palmer, Edward Everett, Glen Worley and John Ritchie.

RESIGNS

Miss Pearl Dunham has resigned her position as billing clerk in the office of the Twin City telephone company.

MEMBERSHIP GROWS

The Good Templars added 18 to their membership Wednesday evening.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

On reading about that London couple, who say they're haunted by a ghost, and now want to put him on their census form as a household resident, the man at the next desk says they're really showing civic spirit.

A part-time clown has filed for the Wisconsin state senate. He certainly isn't the first laughable office seeker we've heard of.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Among the celebrities who did not disdain the gentle art of punning as much as they're supposed to is Vice President Spiro Agnew. When the head of an Ohio golf outfit wired him, "Will you accept our cup for hitting three spectators from a single tee in a recent tournament in Palm Springs?" the VP. wired back, "No thanks."

A taxi driver cruising up Madison Avenue was hailed by two gents who ordered him to drive them to Los Angeles. When he registered disbelief, one of them waived a large roll of \$50 bills in his face, so he nodded, "Get right in, fellows!"

They reached L.A. in order, too, and the driver found himself slightly over \$2,000 to the good. Happily he headed back eastward — and was stopped by another prospective customer who observed, "That's a New York taxi you're driving, isn't it?" Assured that indeed it was, he said, "That's a lucky break for both of us. I



want you to go to Prospect Avenue in Brooklyn." The driver pushed him away from the cab, drove off, and called back indignantly over his shoulder, "I don't go to Brooklyn."

A resident of Key West claims that he left his car parked on the beach one night — and the next morning his Mercury was full of tuna.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Are there any new kinds of treatment for rheumatoid arthritis?

I have tried almost everything, with little success.

Mrs. G. C. E., Wis.
Dear Mrs. E.: The exact cause of rheumatoid arthritis, a complex disease, has never been specifically established.

All avenues of scientific research try to pinpoint the cause by studying infections, hormone imbalance, allergies, and metabolic disorders.

The American Arthritis Foundation and the American Rheumatism Association constantly publish reports on the progress toward prevention and control of this disorder.

Only recently, a report was published about the use of an amino acid, normally found in most protein foods.

This substance, L-histidine, was given by mouth to a large group of people suffering with this form of arthritis. Many apparently benefited for as long as nine months.

These studies are being continued by Dr. Donald Gerber of the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, N. Y. A great deal of time will be necessary to confirm the value of this drug.

Your own doctor is in the best

position to advise you about its use.

There seems to be a possibility that my ancestry goes back to the American Indian. Is there any way of determining this medically?

Mr. E. P. H., Colo.
Dear Mr. H.: No chemical tests, blood tests, or X-ray studies can throw light on the ancestry of anyone.

It is true, however, that some medical conditions may be associated with particular races or geographical areas.

The only way to determine ancestry is by a diligent research into family history.

Is a "cluster headache" one that affects different parts of the head at the same time?

Miss R. K., R. I.
Dear Mrs. K.: No. A "cluster headache" is a type of migraine headache. It refers to the frequency of attacks rather than to the location in the head.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Aspirin should be avoided by people susceptible to stomach ulcers.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q J 7 6	♥ 8 4 3	♠ 8 4 3 2	♥ K Q 10 9 2
♦ K 3	♣ A Q 9	♦ 5 2	♣ 5 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 10 9	♥ J 7 6	♠ K 5	♥ A 5
♦ J 10 8 7 4	♣ 10 7 3	♦ A Q 9 6	♣ K J 8 6 4

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♠	Pass

Opening lead — Jack of diamonds.

The real test of a partnership is its slam bidding. Most slams require an extensive exchange of information, and it is vital for each bid as far as possible to represent the exact nature of the values held.

Look at this sequence that enabled the world-famous Sharps twins of England, Robert and James, to reach a sound grand slam. Their bidding was natural throughout. No artificial bids were used except to show first or second round controls wherever deemed necessary.

The club bid was normal and so was the jump response in spades, which announced at least a mild interest in slam.

At this point South could already be sure of a slam, since he had 17 high-card points facing a jump-shift of at least 16 points. Of course, South did not yet of knowing whether the hand would be played in one of his suits, partner's suit, or notrump.

He bid three diamonds, showing his second suit — at the same time marking clubs as the longer one, since he had bid them first. North indicated club support by bidding four clubs, thus establishing that suit as trump.

From this point on, first and second round controls were shown. South identified the ace of hearts by bidding four hearts, and North bid five diamonds to show the king. South then bid five spades, identifying possession of the king, and North, delighted to hear this, jumped to seven clubs.

The grand slam was easily made. It is interesting to note that Blackwood was not employed by either player. The four aces were located by inference, and the absence of one king — and an unimportant king — did not stop the sharp Sharps from reaching the grand slam with only 33 high-card points.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — What number president was Thomas Jefferson?
- 2 — Where is Leather Bottle, Cobham, found?
- 3 — Who was Charles Francis Gounod?
- 4 — Who was Oliver Goldsmith?
- 5 — Who wrote "Finnegan's Wake"?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1832 the first U.S. political platform was drawn up for the campaign to support Henry Clay president.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

GOBBLEDEGOKK — (GOB-el-di-GOOK) — noun; language characterized by circumlocution and jargon.

BORN TODAY

"Very possibly the most popular of all British actresses" is the way Margaret Rutherford, gifted comedienne and theatrical star, has been described. To those outside her own country, she is best known for her work in the movies.

She is celebrated for a rich gallery of eccentrics, including Professor Hatterton Jones in "Passport to Pimlico," Miss Prism in "The Importance of Being Earnest," the Grand Duchess in "The Mouse on the Moon" and the indomitable amateur detective Miss Marple in "Murder She Said" and "Murder Most Foul."

She won an Oscar for her supporting role as the pill-popping Duchess of Brighton in "The V.I.P.s" in 1963.

Her performances in a score

of films and most than 100 plays have earned her many honors. She has been decorated by the King of Denmark and the Queen of England and she holds a place in the world's esteem as the "universal aunt."

She was born in London, in 1892, an only child. Her mother died when she was three and she was sent to live with two aunts. The aunts had a passion for the theater and were constantly arranging children's plays.

In 1925, she joined the Old Vic as a student, but no one offered her a contract, so she pedaled her bicycle back home to piano teaching.

She finally achieved stardom at the age of 46 with a comedy called "Spring Meeting," a tale about a genteel old eccentric with a secret passion for grambling.

From that time on, she moved center stage in the theatre of well-loved performers.

Others born today include Phil Silvers, Ottomar Mergenthaler and Mort Sahl.

YOUR FUTURE

Your keen intuitions are likely to enable you to gain much by speculation. Today's child will be keenly intelligent.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Whatever you would make habitual, practice it; and if you would not make a thing habitual, do not practice it. — Epictetus.

HOW YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1 — He was the third.
- 2 — In Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."
- 3 — French composer.
- 4 — English playwright, novelist and poet.
- 5 — James Joyce.

SJ Schools Will Seek 3.9-Mill Increase

St. Joseph school board last night pegged the June 14 extra operating tax bid at 3.9 mills, designed to raise \$434,100 and keep schools operating at about their present pace.

The board held an hour and a half executive session before returning to the Upton junior high library to approve the recommendation presented by Supt. Richard Ziehmier. The long talks reflected the seriousness of the decision.

The projected 1971-72 budget is \$4,267,000 — including a

6.2 per cent pay hike for teachers and \$133,000 to cut the current deficit in half.

Estimated receipts based on last year's operating levy of 23.606 mills and state aid total \$3,782,900 or \$484,000 short of budget needs for 1971-72.

Approval of the 3.9 mills would raise the total property tax for operating purposes to 27.506 mills. The district also will levy about four mills for debt retirement and six-tenths of a mill for maintenance.

The school board in March approved austerity measures if additional revenue is not raised for 1971-72. These include reduction of present faculty by 25 teachers, cutbacks in transportation and athletics.

The board in its election proceedings voted to transfer \$50,000 realized in the sale of the Gard school property at the corner of Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue in south St. Joseph into the general fund which leaves \$434,000 still to raise.

PICK SUCCESSOR

The extra operating millage will be a part of the regular school election at which time voters will ballot on a successor to Thomas F. Bartley. Bartley has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.

St. Joseph high school has been notified accreditation by the North Central association has been received as it has since 1964.

Douglas Nichols, principal at Brown school, will assume

responsibility for coordination of recruitment, interviewing and employment of teachers. He will continue to hold the Brown school principal post but will now work on a year-around basis. He will be assuming some of the duties of Doyle Anderson who leaves the post of assistant superintendent for instruction June 30.

Anderson outlined work that has been completed in getting a basic drug education program into operation. St. Joseph Kiwanis club funded the \$2,000 program and Anderson has organized a committee to actually get the program operating. The State Department of Education sent commendations praising the district for the fact that its 32 buses passed safety inspection 100 per cent.

St. Joe Board Says Band Can Go To Vienna

St. Joseph High school band can accept an invitation to compete in the International Band festival at Vienna, Austria in July, 1972 but members will have to raise their own travel funds.

St. Joseph school board last night at Upton Junior high congratulated the bandmen on the honor of receiving the invitation, said it was sorry it didn't have funds to help send the band but gave its blessing for the bandmen themselves to try to raise funds.

Figuring \$300 per student and about 100 in the party the bandmen need to raise \$30,000, Supt. Richard Ziehmier said.

New BH Millage Vote June 14

Nettleton, Alford Bowing Out

Incumbents James Nettleton and Thomas Alford said last night they won't be candidates for the Benton Harbor board of education in the June 14 election when voters also will ballot on renewal of tax millage.

Nettleton and Alford declared they wouldn't run at the end of last night's board meeting. Their announcements mean there will be three new faces on the board, President Lester Page said last month he will not seek re-election.

As expected, the board voted to resubmit renewal of 13.85 mills in operating taxes and one mill for building site at the annual election, June 14. The millage was defeated April 26.

Another proposition also was tacked on the ballot — assumption by the entire district of Martindale's building debt that

will amount to about seven-tenths of a mill when spread district-wide, according to Asst. Supt. Raymond Srebeth.

At least five candidates have declared intentions of running for the board. Petitions have been filed by William D. Mohr, 152 Orchard lane, Fairplain, and Wilkie Cooke, 1312 Union street, Benton Harbor.

A rally was held last night by the Volunteers for Political Action to boost candidates of Mrs. Ruby Eddie, an employee of Aric Homes, Inc.; Al Whitfield, Jr., a Lake Michigan college instructor, and Festus Valentine, an LMC counselor.

Nominating petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. May 17 at the school business office. Friday, May 14, is the last day to register to vote in the election.

Two of the expiring board seats are four-year terms. The other is two years, representing the unexpired portion of a term to which Alford was appointed last November.

Nettleton, a corporate attorney with Whirlpool, was elected to the board in 1967 and had been vice president since 1968.

He said: "While I admittedly have a continuing desire to participate on the board, I have reluctantly concluded that personal and professional commitments prohibit me from being a candidate at the present time."

"In withdrawing as a board candidate I urge others particularly those who have expressed various views on the future of this district to come forward as candidates for this board."

"I intend to continue to support the Benton Harbor Area schools as a citizen, parent and taxpayer."

Alford, director of the Benton Harbor Public library and Berrien County Library league, told the board: "I am deeply concerned about education in general and Benton Harbor Area schools in particular. At this time, I have decided that in fairness to the community, to this board of education and to the students not to make any plans to seek a seat on this Benton Harbor Area schools board of education June 14, 1971."

Page said the announcements were a surprise and disappointment to the board. He praised Alford and Nettleton for

their constructive and dedicated service.

Assumption of the Millburg debt was defeated in 1969. Millburg retained its debt because it became disorganized and was attached to the Benton Harbor district. Last year, Martindale residents paid 5.6 more mills than the rest of the district. If spread district-wide, it would dilute to seven-tenths of a mill.



JAMES NETTLETON



THOMAS ALFORD

'Last Chance' Millage Vote For Lakeshore

Lakeshore school board members last night vowed not to seek another election this year on a proposed 9.5 mill property tax operating levy if it fails in the June annual school election.

In effect, the board committed itself to begin operations in the 1971-72 school year with only three-quarters of the money they have proposed to spend, if the issue is defeated.

The issue was rejected by district voters March 29 in an 804 to 1,592 decision.

The board's position came on recommendation of Supt. Lionel Stacey, who termed June 14, "the last chance to sell a

millage proposal."

Voters then will be asked to approve 9.5 mills for a single year. The proposal—a renewal of six mills and addition of another 3.5 mills—would result in an income next year of \$595,000.

If it fails, Stacey said, there would not be time before the beginning of school to set up a new election, undertake a campaign in its behalf, draw up a budget and establish a curriculum for the schools.

The board's action does not, however, prevent residents from initiating a millage election on their own.

APPROVE CUTS

The board formally approved a breakdown of cuts it may make if the millage fails. Together, the cuts would save the district some \$55,225.

One of the major cuts would be \$80,500 for busing. But the board stopped short of recommending an administration recommendation to "pink slip" the bus drivers—notify them of the board's intent not to rehire them next year if the millage fails.

The board concurred with board member Donald Gast, who feared an adverse voter reaction if the busing program were singled out for elimination.

By approval of a tentative 1971-72 budget, the board indicated the probability of the following cuts:

- 23 teachers would be laid off.
- 15 new staff members needed for increased student enrollment will not be hired.
- All secondary students will be limited to a maximum of five classes and study hall, same to just four classes and two study halls.

Since six mills were approved in 1968, Stacey said, the district has grown by 523 students. He expects an additional 200 by next September.

The tentative budget, based on passage of the 9.5 mills, foresees and income of \$2,869,063, compared with \$2,828,000 for the year nearing completion.

DEFICIT BUDGET

The budget calls for a deficit of \$127,884 even if the millage passes. Efforts to eliminate this deficit are centering on staff cuts and diminished capital outlay.

In other business, the board

accepted the resignation of Willard Story, principal for the last year at Baroda elementary school. Story, who has been with the Lakeshore district for five years, has accepted a teaching position in the Manatee school district in Bradenton, Fla. He, his wife and five children will move there in July. They now live at 5544 Watley drive, St. Joseph.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, announced that six persons have filed petitions for the three vacancies to be filled in the June 14 election. Among them are incumbents R. James Johnson, board vice president, of 4939 Roosevelt road, Stevensville, and Gerald A. (Bud) Totzke of 6744 Totzke

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PLANTS TREE IN JUDO PARK: James Bregman, executive director of the U. S. Judo association and America's only judo Olympic champion, plants a tree in Seiman park's Kano gardens Sunday in Lincoln township. (Dr. Kano is the founder of Judo). Bregman served as judge in the Grand Floral parade of Bloomington. He conducted a clinic at Seiman judo club Saturday evening. With Bregman is Tom Butler. The site, near Wilson road, will be location of a new Seiman judo clubhouse some time in the future.



MAYORS MAKE GOOD CUSTOMERS: Scouts from around the Twin Cities got quick endorsement from Twin City mayors in scouters' campaign to sell tickets for "The Now Americans in Action — Expo 71" to be held at Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs, May 22. The annual scout exposition featuring outdoor shows, indoor action displays, special features and fun and entertainment will run from

1 to 7 p.m. Mayor Wilbert Smith (left) of Benton Harbor gets his tickets from Cub Jerry Forker, Jr. of Sterne Brunson while St. Joseph Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehenberg gets his from Cub Don Badgley of Washington school while Scout Rick Pollard of First Congregational's Troop 23 assists. (Staff photo)

Longpre Would Like Dog Track In Benton Harbor

Benton Harbor City Commissioner T. Gregory Longpre likes what he hears about expanded forms of legalized gambling for enjoyment and added revenue to the state.

"I'd like to see a dog track in Benton Harbor," Longpre exclaimed to the commission Monday.

Praise was voiced by Longpre for State Rep. Ray Mittan of Benton Harbor, who voted in support of a comprehensive off-track betting bill. The House approved the bill Tuesday and it now is before the Senate.

Dog racing is another proposal to bob back and forth between the two state legislative chambers, along with the off-track betting parlors and a state-operated lottery.

"I like to go to Florida, and I go to the dog tracks there," said Longpre. "You pick your choice and take your chances," he observed.

With state and local governments facing mounting fiscal problems, legislators suddenly have become activated on expansion of legalized gambling. Backers call it a "painless way to raise money. As to the action:

The Senate last Friday approved a resolution to put the lottery issue on the ballot. The house has yet to vote on the issue, and a two-thirds majority is needed there. Approval by voters would launch the lottery through a constitutional amendment.

The House last Tuesday approved a comprehensive plan establishing off-track betting parlors on a population formula. The Senate has yet to act on this.

The Senate has just received from committee a bill that would permit up to eight dog tracks. No floor action has resulted, yet.

Mittan, unlike Longpre, said that he does not bet and has no desire to bet. Mittan, however, has stated that citizens have a right to decide in referendum

whether to accept or reject any gambling proposal.

Other area representatives, Harry Gast of Stevensville, DeForest Strang of Sturgis, and the late Edison Root, Jr., Bangor, all voted last Tuesday against off-track bet parlors.

Root died Friday, three days after the vote.

On the Senate lottery vote, Sen. Charles Zollar, Benton Harbor, was one of only four senators who voted against the proposal.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh Monday said Zollar minimized the financial value of added gambling, such as lot-

Two Monroe Hospitals Tell Merger Plans

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — Directors of Mercy Hospital and Memorial Hospital today announced plans, subject to state approval, to merge the two institutions.

Mercy Hospital, a 102-bed institution, is operated by the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph while the 83-bed Memorial Hospital is a public hospital.

Directors of the two hospitals said the merger will result in increased service and greater efficiency.

Twin City Clergymen To Hear Judge Byrns

The Twin Cities Area Clergy Association will hear Judge Chester Byrns at its annual noon luncheon meeting Friday, May 21st, at Innman's restaurant in the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn.

Clergy of all faiths are invited to attend to hear Byrns discuss the problems facing the Twin City community.

The annual election of officers for the 1971-72 program year will also be held at the meeting.

The association is a voluntary organization composed of area clergymen for the purpose of expediting cooperation, extending fellowship and sharing education.



COMMISSIONER LONGPRE

Pre-School Roundup Planned At Morton

A roundup for children who will enter kindergarten at Morton school in Benton Harbor next fall will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the school.

Principal Clarence Hodges asked that each parent bring his child's birth certificate, but said it is not necessary to bring the child. To enter kindergarten for the 1971-72 school year, the child must be five years old by Dec. 1.

Seventh Time In 2½ Years

Bangor Voting Again On Bonds

BANGOR — Voters in the Bangor school district will vote June 14 on a \$3,483,000 bond issue for new school facilities, following action last night by the board of education.

The election will mark the seventh time in 2½ years that a bond request has been submitted to the electorate. A similar request was rejected by voters last December, 683 to 592.

The proposal is aimed at eliminating what school officials have described as a critical space squeeze and the replacement of substandard classrooms.

Construction would include a new elementary building, additions to present elementary and senior high schools, a major

renovation and addition of facilities at the middle school and construction of a new athletic field.

Appointed to the election board were Mrs. Mildred Baker, Mrs. Beverly Burlingame, Mrs. Mae Gambles, Mrs. Doris Piper, Mrs. Marguerite Smith, Louis Bregger and Randolph Hay.

In other business, the board approved the \$347 bid of Hershel Hale, South Haven, for demolition of a house on school property at 304 Arlington road.

Other bidders were Lawrence C. Bruce, Bangor, \$700, and William Krohn, Bangor, \$850.

Purchase of \$1,000 worth of band instruments, including a

pizzicato, a clarinet, an upright tuba and cymbals, was approved.

The board agreed to seek permission from the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission for the borrowing of \$60,000 against anticipated state aid.

A letter from state authorities reported that the district's buses were found in good condition during a recent inspection.

Daily hot lunch participation was reported as follows: high school, 200; elementary, 300; and middle school, 255.

The resignation of Jane Greer, a high school English instructor, was accepted by the board, effective at the end of the current school year.

Police Get Pay Increase At Buchanan

BUCHANAN — Pay increases of \$500-a-year, effective July 1, were granted last night to the city police department under a two-year contract between an association representing members of the force and the city.

The city commission ratified the agreement with the Buchanan Policemen's association, the first organization to represent any group of city employees. The association ratified the pact earlier.

The two year contract calls for a starting patrolman's wage of \$6,500, desk officers, \$5,500, and meter maids, \$4,000.

Also included in the contract were an extra holiday, a 40-hour work week of five consecutive days, and the accumulation of sick leave to 30 days over a period of three years.

HIGHWAY HEARING

In other action, City Manager Robert Faulhaber reported that the state highways department has scheduled a public hearing on the location of the proposed US-31 bypass and that the highway department has requested the city to express a preference for the eastern route with an interchange at Walton road or the western route with an interchange at Matthews road near Niles. The commission instructed Faulhaber to inform the department that the interchange at Walton road is the number one priority concerning Buchanan.

A meeting of city officials with representatives from Penn Central railroad was scheduled for May 20 to inspect the railroad spur on Red Bud Trail South, which was relaid last summer, and to discuss the discrepancy between the railroad engineers estimate of \$13,105 for the job and the bill to the city for \$21,823. Officials said the work has not been completed.

Faulhaber was authorized to advertise for bids for seal coating material for the streets, including 12,000 gallons of bituminous tar compound and 5,000 gallons of road oil.

Faulhaber was instructed to have Lane Northern Co., of Mishawaka, which was completed its annual inspection of the city's water wells and equipment, pull and service the pumps on two of the wells at an estimated cost of \$1,600.

The First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan in Niles, paying agents for the city's bond issue sold recently to finance a waste water treatment plant.

POPPY DAYS

A request of Buchanan unit 51 of the American Legion Auxiliary was granted for Mayor Joseph C. Bachman to proclaim May 28 and 29 as Buchanan Poppy Days.

The Buchanan cheerleaders

were granted permission to hold tag day May 15 to raise funds to send varsity cheerleaders to a summer clinic at Albion college.

Paw Paw Ponders Appeal

Teachers Win Court Battle

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — School officials here said they have made no decision yet on whether to appeal a Van Buren Circuit court decision in favor of three teachers who had sued the district for breach of contract.

"We have not had a chance to study the decision with our attorney yet," Schools Supt. Albert Kimmel said of the May 6 decision by Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr.

TEACHERS WIN

Judge Anderson ruled in behalf of the teachers who claimed that the school acted illegally in rescinding contracts for the 1969-70 school year.

Judge Anderson said, however, damages claimed by two teachers "does not exceed \$3,000 in either case, . . . and are to be removed to Seventh District Court for determination of the amount of damages."

He was referring to the cases of Linda Lound and Judith Zirkelis.

The third teacher, Marc Yunker, originally asked for \$10,000 and the damages are to be determined in circuit court, Judge Anderson ruled.

The three filed the suit in March 1970.

Yunker, then 25, and Lound, then 22, charged that they had been offered contracts in June, 1970 and that the contracts were later repudiated.

Yunker and Lound were seeking employment. Zirkelis was already working for the school.

Zirkelis, then 25, who remains employed at the high school, claimed that as a teacher at Paw Paw schools she was not notified 60 days in advance of the end of the school year that her contract would not be renewed the following year.

MILLAGE FAILS

The school claimed that the failure of a millage election in August, 1969, required budget changes including a reduction in the number of teachers.

After a hearing in December of last year, Judge Anderson took the claims under consideration and filed his opinion late last week.

In his opinion, Judge Anderson said: "On the basis of necessary reduction of personnel, a board may be legally excused from offering (a teacher) on permanent tenure a contract of employment."

"It is not excused from performing a contract offered and accepted," Judge Anderson ruled, adding:

"The board could have given required notices of termination and it could have refused to enter into a contract until the millage question was resolved."

SPECIFIC CLAUSE
Or, Judge Anderson wrote, the board could have insisted on a specific clause authorizing the contracts to be rescinded in the event the millage election failed.

Supt. Kimmel said a decision on whether to appeal may be influenced by the amount of judgment for damages the court allows Yunker.

But essentially, Kimmel added, the court decision does nothing to clarify what alternative schools have when during mid-year a financial crisis occurs.

Paw Paw like many other schools in the state, did not receive full state aid payments in February or April.

Tire Is Slashed At Union Pier

UNION PIER — New Buffalo state police are investigating the slashing of a car tire reported by Betty Mayer, 18136 Tiffenmeyer, Union Pier, reported at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Dinner Honors LMC's Top Journalists

New editors, business managers and other top staff appointments for the student newspaper and yearbook next year at Lake Michigan college were announced last night at the third annual journalism awards banquet at Mr. Smorgasbord restaurant, St. Joseph.

Bangor Tax Still 17 Mills

City Council Sets Rate

BANGOR — A 17 mill tax rate on property for 1971 was set for the city last night by the Bangor city council.

The rate is the same as 1970 and is to produce about \$108,000 toward the city's annual budget of \$234,000. The rest of the city funds come from state sources such as income tax and sales tax returns.

Also set by the council was a 1.4 mill rate as the city's portion for the South Haven hospital authority. It will produce an additional \$9,800.

In other areas: Mayor James McLarty reported that area students had taken 48 truckloads of trash to the dump after their clean up campaign Saturday and that city employees had collected an additional 16 truckloads.

McLarty also reported that the bridge over the Second street dam would not be open for several months because the cost of covering will run from \$5,000 to \$15,000, making it necessary to hire an engineer to draw plans and to take bids for the work.

The council voted to give the American Legion \$25 to help defray the cost of the Memorial Day parade and changed the Michigan Day banquet from Monday of next week to Tuesday.

Hartford Man Hurt

John Lester Vestal, 27, of Hartford, received minor injuries when his car struck an auto slowing down for a rest area on I-94 yesterday, East of Watervliet. He was treated and released from Watervliet community hospital.

Berrien Sheriff's Deputy George Vollrath said Vestal's car struck the rear end of a vehicle driven by Robert Whitney Kennedy, 35, of Farmington, Mich. Vestal was issued a summons for speeding and failing to have his vehicle under

George Drolet of St. Joseph, a co-editor of the yearbook this year, will head the Lake Michigan Journal newspaper staff as editor-in-chief. Mary Grzesiek of Stevensville is the new editor of the Linne, college yearbook, for 1971-72.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smikle of St. Joseph was named managing editor of the Journal, and Debra Ameigh of Baroda will head the paper's business staff as business manager. Other key Journal positions were filled as follows: Senior news editor, Marie Becker, Benton Harbor; news editor, Betty Goetz, Stevensville; chief copy editor, Blaine Hyska, New Buffalo; sports editor, James Reinhardt, Benton Harbor; photo editor, Cecil Sisson, South Haven; society editor, Pam Miller, Three Oaks; special staff writer, John McNeill, New Buffalo, and advertising representatives, Donna and Janet Visel, Niles.

Joseph DeCard, Berrien Springs, will be managing editor for the yearbook, and Donna Visel of Niles, the business manager. Other Linne staff members will be David Handley, New Buffalo, photo editor; Pam Miller, Three Oaks, staff writer; Janet Visel, Niles, advertising representative.

Paul Gerhard, journalism instructor and publications advisor, cited the staffs of the paper and yearbook for outstanding work. He noted that advertising lineage was increased for both publications, helping them to operate in the black.

LMC Executive Vice President Walter Browne presented awards to the following journalism students for excellent work on the two school publications this year: Debra Ameigh and Betty Goetz, outstanding first-year reporters; George Drolet and Nancy Kline, American Yearbook Co. "E" awards; Jim Joyce, Greg Hoadley, Marie Becker, Elizabeth Smikle and Roberta Janca, outstanding work on the Journal; George Drolet, Donna Visel and Nancy Kline, outstanding work on the Linne.

Editors of newspapers and yearbooks in various high schools in Berrien county and their advisors were special guests.

Jerry Krieger, county-farm editor for The News-Palladium and Herald-Press, was banquet speaker.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
May 11 State Police count:
This year 604
Last year 689



NEW COLLEGE EDITORS: Students who will head the staffs of the Lake Michigan Journal and the Linne, Lake Michigan college newspaper and yearbook, respectively, were announced last night. From left are: Debra Ameigh, Baroda, business manager; Elizabeth Smikle, St. Joseph, managing

editor, and George Drolet, St. Joseph, editor-in-chief, all for the newspaper; and Mary Grzesiek, Stevensville, editor; Joseph DeCard, Berrien Springs, managing editor, and Donna Visel, Niles, business manager, all for the Linne. (Staff photo)

Eau Claire Buys Site For New High School

EAU CLAIRE — The purchase of a 50-acre parcel of land as the site for a new \$1.8 million high school facility here was approved last night by the Eau Claire board of education.

Supt. Donald McAlvey said the property, located northeast of the village on Eureka road, between Preston road and M-140, will be purchased from Ralph Swisher for \$50,000.

Construction of the new building was approved by district

voters in an election Dec. 8.

Current plans call for construction to begin this fall with the building ready for occupancy by the beginning of school in 1972.

In other business, the board agreed to seek renewal at the June 14 annual election of a six-mill operational tax levy that expired with current tax collection. The levy, if approved, would run for three years.

McAlvey estimated the six-

mill tax raises \$80,000 annually.

Board policy regarding the application for teaching positions, a civil rights policy involving the hiring of teachers, posting of vacancies in the school system, transfer and assignment of teachers was established by the board.

The hiring of William Schafer, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., as elementary principal and Gregory Canfield, to teach English, was approved by the

board.

Trustee John Glassman was appointed as delegate to attend an election in Berrien Springs, where two county intermediate school district members will be named.

Carmody Road Work Approved

WATERVLIET — A double seal covering for a mile of Carmody road was approved last night by the Watervliet township board.

Supervisor G. W. Hutchins said the cost of the \$4,500 project is to be shared with Barabridge township since the road lies half in each township.

The mile runs east from M-140. Hutchins also said that bids are expected to be sought later this month on the township's proposed sewage service project.

The project is part of the \$11 million system being developed to serve the townships and cities of Watervliet and Coloma.

In other action during the board meeting, the resignation of Jerry Hunt, as a township constable, was accepted.

Decatur Will Ask Renewal Of Three-Mill Tax Levy

DECATUR — Renewal of a three mill property tax levy for school operations was placed on the June 14 annual school election ballot last night by the school board here.

The three mills expired with the 1970 tax collections. It is part of a 28.68 mill rate levied by the district on property throughout the district. Proceeds from the levy help finance the district's yearly operation, currently pegged at \$934,000.

In other action, the board hired the Jankowski certified public accounting firm of Kalamazoo to audit the 1970-71 school year financial records.

Participation in the federally

funded drivers' training summer program was approved. An

estimated 100 students are expected to be enrolled.

Deadline for filing for candidacy for three board seats at stake in the annual school election was set at 4 p.m. May 17. Filing petitions so far, according to the school, have been Dr. Zane Osborne; Robert Dillenbeck and Arthur Hayes.

Dillenbeck is seeking re-election to a new four year term while Hayes is seeking the unexpired three-year portion of the term of Dr. Robert Sundin who resigned.

Board member John Cervan, whose current four-year term is also expiring, has indicated he would seek re-election also.

Pullman Area Gets Clean-Up

PULLMAN — Members of Pullman Boy Scout troop 103 and the Pullman Ready Rocket 4-H Club carried out a clean up around the Pullman area Saturday.

Helping with the Clean-up program were Scout Master Frank Asletyne and Assistant Scout Master Jimmie Seudder, also Mrs. James McCracken and Mrs. Donald Hoyt.

Cost Schools \$1,400, He Says

Coloma Board Chief Blasts Critics

COLOMA — Marshall Badt, president of the Coloma school board, last night issued a verbal barrage at a citizens organization which has been at odds with the school board here for several months.

Badt said during a regular school board meeting that he could see no reason, need or use of the organization known as the Action Grievance organization (AGO). He also charged that the AGO had cost the district over \$1,400 because of one of its moves against the board.

Badt told Mrs. George Wooley, wife of a board member and representative of the AGO, that he would not permit time for a statement from the AGO during the session unless it pertained, as previously indicated, to annexation and was relevant and/or enlightening.

"If your statement isn't different, other than free publicity, it's a waste of this board's time," Badt told Mrs. Wooley. Badt said the school district was forced to pay over \$1,400 in legal fees to defend the sale of

\$2.5 million worth of school construction bonds which the AGO sought to block through legal action.

Badt said Mrs. Wooley was one of the principals in the suit against the board's proposed sale.

Mrs. Wooley and two other AGO members left shortly after Badt's remarks.

AGO members had been present to attend an executive session with the board which the AGO had requested.

"They wanted to meet with us

to discuss an important matter that they said would have an influence on children's lives, but apparently it wasn't that important," Badt commented.

The AGO was formed in a struggle by a group of citizens to block re-employment of Supt. William Barrett. It tried to stop sale of the \$2.5 million in construction bonds because the question over the Eaman district transfer had not yet been completed.

Sopkesmen for the organization have said one of the

purposes is to provide citizens with an organization which will take up issues with the board.

In other board action, resignations of three teachers, Duane D. Carlson, band director Howard Stuke and Elaine Carlson were accepted.

A letter sent to Dr. Mark Lewis, superintendent of Benton Harbor schools, setting a proposed rental of \$1,000 per month for the use of the Eaman school buildings, now in the official domain of Coloma and being

used by Benton Harbor school, was read.

A letter was read stating that a public hearing regarding a property transfer of 28 acres of land owned by Wayne Hossein to the Coloma school district from Benton Harbor was withdrawn. The letter, from the County Intermediate School District said Hossein had joined others around him in working for a transfer into Coloma, but as of yet, no petitions had been filed at the county office.



MARSHALL BADT
Blasts Critics